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COMPOUND USED AS FUEL ADDITIVE, IN PARTICULAR IN

DIESEL FUELS, GASOLINE, AND RAPESEED METHYL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.